

City of Concord Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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DOWNTOWN COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

Next week, scaffolding will be erected in Eagle Square, around the ornate metal archway commonly known as Dimitri's Tree. A crew from Modern Protective Coatings will then sandblast and repaint the arch, a process which is expected to take approximately 10 days, depending on the weather. Pedestrian access to Eagle Square will be maintained during this time. The arch will be wrapped so that work takes place inside a protective covering and so that no dust or paint escapes during the refurbishing process.

On Monday, March 30th, a crew will be working in front of the Sheraton Building at 114 North Main Street. During this work, parking will be prohibited on the west side of the street, from Park Street to Capitol Street; and on the east side of the street, from the Eagle Hotel to Wellingtons. Two-way traffic will continue, but will narrow to one free flowing lane in each direction.

Also next week, replacement of individual water valves to a few buildings on the east side of North Main Street will continue; Severino construction crews will begin to build new storm drains on the east side of North Main Street, capping the old ones after the new ones are in; and East Coast Signals will install a new traffic control camera at the North Main/Centre Street intersection.

Liberty Utilities is expected to be at work in front of #59 South Main Street next week. This is normal utility maintenance and not part of the Main Street Project. Two-way traffic on South Main will be maintained, although there may be a lane shift.

DOG LICENSING

Residents are reminded that the City of Concord will begin its annual dog licensing season on April 1st. Residents may mail dog license payments to the City Clerk's Office, 41 Green Street, Concord, NH 03301; or stop in to the City Clerk's office to renew the license in person. Licenses will only be issued if the City Clerk's office has current rabies vaccination information on file. If you are unsure as to whether or not we have current rabies vaccination information on file, you may inquire by e-mail (cityclerk@concordnh.gov) or by calling 225-8500. If you have moved out of Concord or no longer have your dog, please inform the City Clerk's Office.

Licensing fees are as follows:

Non-spayed or Non-neutered Dogs	\$10.00
Spayed or Neutered Dogs	\$ 7.50
Dogs under 8 months old	\$ 7.50
5 or more dogs of same owner	\$20.00
First dog for owner age 65+	\$ 2.00*
(*regular rate for additional dogs)	



Owners who license their dog after May 31, 2015 are subject to additional fees.

PROPERTY TAXES



Residents are reminded that 4th quarter installment payments for 2014 property taxes are due by March 31st. Any 2014 taxes that remain unpaid after March 31st will be subject to the lien process.

PUBLIC MEETING US ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR PHASE 6

A neighborhood public meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1st, at 6:00 PM, to discuss the final design and construction schedule for Phase 6 of the US Route 3 Corridor Project. The meeting will take place at the Penacook Elementary School Cafeteria, 60 Village Street, Penacook. The public is encouraged to attend.

CONCORD ON AIR

On Sunday, March 29th, from noon until 8:00 PM. Concord TV will air its third annual Concord on Air, an eight-hour, live cablecast celebrating our Capitol City. The telecast, which will air on Concord TV's three cable television channels (Public Access Channel 22, Government Channel 17, and Education Channel 6), will feature a multitude of stories on the City's government, schools, businesses, nonprofits, neighborhoods, and arts and culture, demonstrating to viewers just how vibrant and active Concord really is.

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PEEPS DIORAMA CONTEST



Celebrate National Library Week with the Concord Public Library's "Take a Peep at Your Favorite Book" diorama contest. Recreate a scene from your favorite book or movie, using Peeps as characters. Dioramas should be about the size of a shoebox and will be judged by Library staff. You may work in teams to enter. Prizes will be awarded on Monday, April 13th, at the Library's 160th birthday party. Entries are due by Friday, April 10th at 5:30 PM.

CONCORD 250 CHAT: THERE & BACK AGAIN

Join us on Thursday, April 2nd, from 6:00-7:30 PM, to talk about the Concord Public Library's role in preserving Concord's history, look back at Library service through the decades and into the future.



NEW WHEEL LOADER

The Public Properties Division of the General Services Department recently received a new Wheel Loader to be used exclusively at the Concord Municipal Airport. Its primary use will be for snow removal operations. Various attachments (buckets, plows, pallet forks, spare tire, etc.) are included. Grants from the Federal Aviation Administration and the New Hampshire Aeronautics Bureau helped to fund this investment. This new piece of equipment is owned by the City of Concord and will be maintained with the rest of the City's fleet by the General Services Department's Equipment Services Division.



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Concord Human Services wants to express their gratitude for the incredible support given to their food pantry from the congregation of Temple Beth Jacob. Not only does the congregation donate canned and boxed items on a regular basis, but their tireless volunteer, Marty Bender, also shops for and delivers meat, poultry and butter to the pantry. In the summer months, Marty also provides fresh vegetables from his extensive gardens. This is a wonderful compliment to the nonperishable food provided to the pantry by the Capital Region Food Program and enables Concord Human Services to meet the emergency need for food for residents in our community. We would not be able to keep up with this need without the generosity of Temple Beth Jacob; the hard work by Marty; and the amazing Capital Region Food Program, an all-volunteer agency that provides food on a monthly basis to local pantries at no cost to the pantries.

BEAVER MEADOW HOSTS SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING

On Tuesday, March 24th, the Beaver Meadow Golf Course hosted the NH Golf Course Superintendents Association's March meeting. Over 25 golf course superintendents and vendors met to discuss the start of this spring's golf season and to listen to a presentation by Sara Sawyer, Director of Human Resources at Community College of NH; and her colleague Jeanne Herrick, an attorney specializing in employment law. The presentation covered hiring, best practices and avoiding pitfalls. The meeting concluded with lunch served by the 19th Hole Restaurant. The presentation and lunch were both excellent and well received.